

Top 10 tips for powerful partnerships

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Team bonding is important and won't happen naturally

Time and space for the team to get to know each other will support trust between teams, and a good use of valued time.

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Talk about values and mission, as well as practicalities

Understand where your organisation's differ in approach.

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Identify any possible internal politics and policies

From departments particularly finance, marketing and communication, that could impact project team work.

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Have a clear process

Dealing with disagreements, both on activity and potential opportunities related to the project. Ex: New opportunities for the programme.

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Operate as one team (internally & externally)

British Red Cross and UK Youth co-created and facilitated training sessions, hosted joint-up cuppa drop-ins for youth worker, and held fortnightly team meetings to stay up to date and informed.

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Make sure that you have strategic internal buy-in as well as operational

Everyone including trustees should be aware of the partnership to understand that the team will operate differently.

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Build in growth to partnership agreements

Partnerships allows for many more opportunities, particularly on learning programmes.

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Be crystal clear on communication routes and sign-offs

What can each partner do without getting input? Who is expected to check-in with whom?

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Bring your funder on the journey with you

Be open about the challenges, and get them involved in the relationship and potential.

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Be honest about when things haven't worked

Ensure you reflect, debrief, and lessons learned following each programme cohort and events



Bonus

Utilise a cloud or drive to ensure efficiency, collaboration and better joint-up working